

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending in the application. Claims 1-25 stand rejected. No amendments have been made. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following remarks and allowance of the claims.

Rejections Based Upon 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

Claims 1-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,411,692 (Scherer). Applicant respectfully disagrees for at least the following reasons.

Claim 1 requires, in part, a routing system configured to receive a called number from a calling system. The called number comprises a destination number and a correlation code. Scherer does not disclose a called number comprising a destination number and a correlation code. Rather, Scherer discloses a modified dialed number and a modified ANI. The dialed number in Scherer is separate and distinct from the ANI and does not include a correlation code. In fact, Scherer teaches away from the invention by modifying the ANI to use as a correlation key (Scherer, col. 24, lines 15-25). In contrast, claim 1 requires that the called number include a correlation code.

Claim 1 further requires, in part, that the routing system is configured to receive a first response (from an SCP) and responsively route the call according to routing instructions and provide the correlation code as dialed number information service (DNIS) digits. The correlation code of claim 1 is for correlating information entered over the call. In Scherer, the ANI is modified to provide a correlation key, while the dialed number is used to reflect the status of the caller and the called party. Thus, the dialed number of Scherer is not a correlation code because it is not used for correlating data. Rather, the ANI is used for correlating data collected over a call. However, the ANI is not the dialed number. Scherer therefore does not disclose providing a correlation code as DNIS digits as required by claim 1.

Independent claim 14 contains limitations similar to those of claim 1 and is therefore allowable over the art of record. The dependent claims, while separately allowable over the art of record, depend from otherwise allowable independent claims. Applicant therefore refrains from a discussion of the dependent claims.

CONCLUSION

The claims in their present form are allowable over the art of record. Applicant therefore solicits their allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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